

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A chemical analyzer to which a sample is injected and in which a reagent for reacting with said sample is stored, comprising:

a housing part for housing a structure having a reaction region for reacting said sample with said reagent; and

a mechanism for detecting said sample after said reaction;

~~wherein said structure comprises:~~

a reagent cartridge having a reagent storing part for storing the reagent and a reagent outlet;

a testing cartridge having a connection part reagent inlet to which said reagent ~~cartridge outlet~~ is ~~is~~ can be connected; and

~~a channel cartridge having,~~ a reagent channel through which said reagent flows, a sample channel through which said sample flows, and said reaction region which is in communication with said reagent channel and said sample channel;

a reagent cartridge protecting sheet covering said reagent outlet;

and

a testing cartridge protecting sheet covering said reagent inlet,

wherein said structure is provided by removing said reagent cartridge protecting sheet and said testing cartridge protecting sheet and attaching said reagent cartridge and said testing cartridge so that said reagent outlet is fitted to said reagent inlet.

2. (Currently Amended) The chemical analyzer according to claim 1, wherein said ~~structure housing part~~ is rotatably mounted ~~within said housing part in said analyzer~~, said sample contains nucleic acid, said channel cartridge has a capturing part for capturing the nucleic acid from said sample, and said detection mechanism is disposed at an outside of said structure.

3. (Currently Amended) The chemical analyzer according to claim 1, wherein ~~a said reagent cartridge includes a plurality of reagent storing parts including first and second storing parts, and wherein the first storing portion of said reagent storing part of said reagent cartridge communicates with a the second storing portion of said reagent storing part of said reagent cartridge via said reagent channel or said sample channel formed in said channel testing cartridge when said reagent cartridge and said channel testing cartridge are attached to and housed in~~ said housing part.

4. (Currently Amended) The chemical analyzer according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of said reagent cartridges are provided, and a first of said plurality of reagent cartridge cartridges is retained at a lower temperature than a second of said plurality of reagent cartridge cartridges before being contained within said housing part.

5. (Currently Amended) The chemical analyzer according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of said reagent cartridges are provided, and a first of said plurality of reagent cartridge cartridges is retained at a lower temperature than a second reagent cartridge of said reagent cartridges before being contained within said housing part, and a volume of said first reagent cartridge is smaller than a volume of said second reagent cartridge.

6. (Currently Amended) The chemical analyzer according to claim 1, wherein said ~~channel testing~~ cartridge is provided with a reagent storing part for storing a reagent, and said ~~channel testing~~ cartridge is retained at a lower temperature than said reagent cartridge before being contained within said

housing part.

7. (Currently Amended) The chemical analyzer according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of said reagent cartridges are provided, and a first of said plurality of reagent cartridge-cartridges is disposed facing toward a first region of said ~~channel-testing~~ cartridge and a second of said plurality of reagent cartridge-cartridges is disposed facing toward a second region of said ~~channel-testing~~ cartridge.

8. (Currently Amended) The chemical analyzer according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of said reagent cartridges are provided, and ~~said a~~ second of said plurality of reagent cartridge-cartridges is disposed facing toward said ~~channel-testing~~ cartridge and a first of said plurality of reagent cartridge-cartridges is disposed facing toward said second reagent cartridge.

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